

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, January 9, 2021



Greetings church family,

As I write this message for our church communique, folks have stormed our nation's capitol building, I cancelled two speaking engagement trips because of the high risk of contacting COVID-19, our church sits with new but empty pews and my cat just barfed on the carpet. OK, that last one happens more than you'd guess. All in

all, I'd say that 2020 has left us in a world of confusion and in some cases, hurt.

I don't know if you remember, but as I took you through the books of Daniel and Revelation, I emphasized the need to turn away from the Empire and turn toward the Kingdom, toward Jesus. If there has ever been a time in earth's history to do this, it's now. There's an old spiritual song that I'd like to turn you towards that is the song of my heart right now. Here are some of the lyrics.

If we ever needed the Lord before
We sure do need Him now
Oh, we sure do need Him now
Oh, Lord, we sure do need Him now
If we ever needed the Lord before
We sure do need Him now
We need Him every day and every hour

We need Him in the morning
We need Him in the night
We need Him in the noonday
When the sun is shining bright
We need Him when we're happy
We need Him when we're sad
We need Him when we're burdened
Just to make our hearts feel glad

Sing this to yourself. If you don't know it, look it up and play it. This should be the theme of our song in 2021. Peace.

Pastor Mark Witas



Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

Shout out to our Music Committee for continually providing us such outstanding music for our worship services.

News & Notes

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all services and meetings at the church have been canceled until further notice. Stay connected! Check out our Facebook page and website. If you are not receiving our emails, please forward your email address to info@SunnysideAdventist.org, so we can keep you informed of our activities.

THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to our worship service via streaming video at 11:15 AM. Pastor Mark Witas will present our worship service titled "Does God Hate?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed! Volunteers for projection. Minimum requirements are a basic knowledge of computers, decent tech skills for troubleshooting, and knowledge of Google sheets. Please contact the church office if you can join the team. There will be training for you.

Our new Sabbath School quarterlies are here! If you would like a new quarterly contact the church office and we will make sure you get what you need: 503-252-8080, text 971-238-9680, or email info@SunnysideAdventist.org. Or you may get it online at <https://absq.adventist.org/nextquarter#lessons>.

The January/February Children's Sabbath Packets are available from the information desk in the church foyer. If you do not have a code to get into the church, contact Rosie at the church office, 503-252-8080. Packets contain lesson stories, memory verses, crafts and activities for each Sabbath in January and February. We have packets for Beginners, Kindergarten/1st grade, Primary 4th/5th grades, and Junior High.

The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 PM, via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom invitation.

There will be a church board meeting Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Board members, watch your email for your Zoom invitation.



Did you know 92% of all New Year's resolutions fail? Want to know why? Have a burning desire to get rid of some of the bad habits in your life? What does the Bible have to say about habits, how did Jesus model them? Lots of questions... Pastor Billy does his best to answer them in a three part series starting

January 7 at 7 pm Pacific time. You can join the online community gathering at sunnysidesda.online.church or you can watch on Sunnyside Adventist Church Facebook and YouTube. You can also find the content on my personal podcast community Life Project and the podcasts here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/life-project-podcast/id1510264362>



Several of our classes are meeting during this challenging time via Zoom. We want to share these with you — if you see one that you would like to join, send your contact information to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call 503-252-8080, and we will make sure you receive a Zoom invitation to join. Here is a list of Sabbath School classes: Santiam class (Gingrich, Fenn, Hill, Martin & Westermeyer); the Reboot Bible study group (Glovatsky, Kielman, Dickerson, and Dragulin); Steffen Moller and his team of teachers, and a new class lead by **Tom Stafford, Raymond Baker, and Dean Browning**; the Faith Time group; and the Romanian group. On Wednesday morning there is Women's FaithLift prayer ministry group; and a men's Bible study group. Let us know if you would like to join in!

January 15-24: JumpStart Your Immunity Livestream Seminar, sponsored by Impact Your Health Portland — a free seminar. Learn eight easy steps to boost your immune system's fight against sickness and disease. PLUS learn quick easy tips to naturally treat common ailments. Meet your experts and sign up today at <https://jsi.impacthealthpdx.com>.

Directory Update — Thank you to all of those who have forwarded a recent photo for the directory — however, we are still missing many photos! We would love to have your photo in our directory. If you haven't given us one, please upload a photo through your Elexio app or send a snapshot to info@SunnysideAdventist.org. If you can't email it, mail it; we'll scan it, and return it to you. It does not have to be one that is professionally taken. We just want to be able to identify you with a photo! Thank you for your help with this.



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member that may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.

LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Pastor Mark Witas



Larry Ramey



Kassy Eichele, Alex Geschke
Pastor Billy Hungate



Chelsea Hungate
Kimberly Goodwin-Helton, Erik Nielsen

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Help Still Needed: PAA has launched a campaign to meet Student Scholarship goals and the urgent need to replace the roof above the gym, Chapel, and stage. To learn more about these needs click [HERE](#). Would you consider supporting one or more of these projects? Contact Sam Vigil Jr. at svigil@paasda.org for more information.

Fundraising Update: Great news! Thank you to the many donors who responded to our end-of-year appeals. Our campaign goals have either been met or are approaching completion. Thanks to our generous donors, we've reached the COVID-19 Relief Fund goal of \$125,000. In addition, \$33,300 of our \$50,000 goal was raised towards PAASS scholarships, and \$83,725 of the \$95,000 goal was raised towards the Gym Roof Replacement fund! We are overwhelmed, amazed, thankful, and blessed by a loving God and a supportive community. Because of these donors, more students can attend PAA, and the gym will continue to be a valuable and central space for student life. What else can we say but Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

PACS NEWS: *(Portland Adventist Community Service)*

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 AM.

We are still operating with social distancing and social responsibility. If you or someone you know needs food please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email pacsfood2020@gmail.com. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN - we have temporary hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

Our donation drop-off center is open and we value your donations but due to a high volume of donations please call ahead to see if we are accepting, 503-252-8500. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our Office or Donation Receiving. Thank You In Advance!